

- 99. (New) The deletion mutant of claim 98, wherein the encoded mutant homolog comprises a tumor suppressor locus.--
- 100. (New) The deletion mutant of claim 98, wherein the encoded mutant homolog does not comprise a tumor suppressor locus domain.--
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- 101. (New) The vector of claim 22 adapted for expression in a host cell which comprises the regulatory elements necessary for expression of the nucleic acid molecule in the host cell operatively linked to the nucleic acid molecule encoding the Tumor necrosis factor Receptor-Associated Factor (TRAF) protein-interacting hereditary multiple extoses (TREX) protein so as to permit expression of the TREX protein.--
- 102. (New) The vector of claim 101, wherein the host cell is a eukaryotic, bacterial, insect or yeast cell.--
- 103. (New) The vector of claim 102, wherein the eukaryotic host cell is a mammalian cell.--
- 104. (New) The vector of claim 103, wherein the vector is a plasmid.--
- 105. (New) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 101.--
- 106. (New) The host cell of claim 105, wherein the host cell is a eukaryotic, bacterial, insect or yeast cell.--
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